[CHAPTER 498]

AN ACT

June 26, 1946 [H. R. 5796] [Public Law 452]

To amend title II of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940, as amended, to permit the making of contributions, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, for the maintenance and operation of certain school facilities, and for other purposes.

Defense public works.

55 Stat. 361. 42 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 1531-1534.

Contributions for operation, etc., of school facilities.

55 Stat. 362, 363. 42 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 1532, 1541.

55 Stat. 361, 363. 42 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 1531-1553. Ante, p. 9.

Appropriations authorized. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title II of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the follow-

ing section:

Sec. 205. In order to enable school authorities that are still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments to meet their needs during the transition from war to peacetime conditions, the Federal Works Administrator is authorized to continue to make, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, contributions for the operation and maintenance of school facilities to (a) local school agencies requiring assistance that have received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, contributions under this Act for the maintenance and operation of their school facilities; and (b) local school agencies requiring assistance that may be subject to a loss of tax revenues because of the acquisition or ownership of land by the United States. Contributions under this section may be made without regard to sections 202 and 301 of this Act and to the provisions in any appropriation Act heretofore enacted appropriating funds to carry out the functions vested in the Federal Works Administrator by title II and title III of this Act which may conflict with the purpose of this section, and such contributions may be made notwithstanding the declaration by the President that any existing emergency has ceased to exist. Appropriations and existing appropriations heretofore authorized to carry out the purposes of titles II and III of this Act are hereby authorized to carry out the purposes of this section."

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[CHAPTER 499]

AN ACT

June 26, 1946 [H. R. 6070]

[Public Law 453]

District of Columbia.
Adoption proceedings.
50 Stat. 807.

Notice to Bureau of Vital Statistics of Health Department.

Adoption outside D. C.

To amend section 4 of the Act of August 25, 1937, so as to provide a filing procedure in cases of adoption outside the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate proceedings in adoption in the District of Columbia", approved August 25, 1937, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, sec. 16-204), is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. Notice of a final decree of adoption shall be sent to the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Health Department. This Bureau shall cause to be made a new record of the birth in the new name and with the names of the adopter and shall then cause to be sealed and filed the original birth certificate with the order of the court and such sealed package shall be opened only by order of court. If the adoption occurred outside of the District of Columbia, upon filing with the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Health Department a certified copy of the final decree of adoption, the Bureau shall cause to be made a new record of the birth in the new name with the names of the adopters, and shall then cause to be sealed and filed the original birth certificate with the certified copy of the final decree of adoption; and

such sealed package shall be opened only by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. If the birth occurred outside of the District of Columbia, the clerk of the court shall, upon petition by the adopter, furnish him with a certified copy of the final decree of adoption."

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[CHAPTER 500]

AN ACT

To provide military assistance to the Republic of the Philippines in establishing and maintaining national security and to form a basis for participation by that government in such defensive military operations as the future may require.

June 26, 1946 [H. R. 6572] [Public Law 454]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Republic of the Philippines Military Assistance Act".

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the President is authorized, upon application by the Republic of the Philippines, and whenever in his discretion the public interest renders such course advisable, to provide: (a) for the instruction and training of military and naval personnel of the Republic of the Philippines; (b) for the maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of military or naval equipment in the possession of the said country; and (c) for the transfer to the said country of any arms, ammunition, and implements of war as defined in the President's proclamation 2549 of April 9, 1942, or any superseding proclamations; any other aircraft; naval vessels except those in the category of battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers, destroyers, and submarines; any stores, supplies, services, technical information, material, and equipment: Provided, That such transfer shall be consistent with military and naval requirements of the United States and with the national interest.

SEC. 3. The President is authorized to provide such assistance or transfer property or information pursuant to section 2, by sale, loan, exchange, lease, gift, or transfer for cash, credit, or other property with or without warranty and upon such other terms and conditions

as he shall find proper.

Sec. 4. As a condition precedent to the receipt of any assistance, information, or property pursuant to this Act the Government of the Republic of the Philippines shall undertake (a) that it will not, without the consent of the President of the United States, transfer title to or possession of any property transferred to it pursuant to this Act, (b) that it will not permit use of any property so received or disclosure of any plan, specification, or other information pertaining thereto or any technical information furnished, by or to anyone not an officer, employee, or agent of the Republic of the Philippines, or for any purpose other than those set forth in this Act, and (c) that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines will make provisions comparable to those customarily made by the United States for the security of any article, plan, or information received under the terms of this Act.

SEC. 5. The President of the United States is authorized, upon application from the Republic of the Philippines, and whenever in his discretion the public interest renders such a course advisable, to detail officers and enlisted men of the Army of the United States, and the United States Navy and Marine Corps to assist that Government: Provided, That the officers and enlisted men so detailed are authorized to accept from the Republic of the Philippines offices and such compensation and emoluments thereunto appertaining as may be first approved by the Secretary of War, or by the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be: Provided further, That such compensation may be

Short title. Post, p. 916.

Instruction and training.

Equipment.

Transfer of arms, etc.

56 Stat. 1948. 22 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 452 note.

Providing of assistance, etc., pursuant to section 2.

Conditions precedent to receipt of assistance, etc.

Detail of officers and enlisted men of armed forces of the U.S.

Compensation, etc., from Republic of the Philippines.